

DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

1. Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:
 - I. Claims 2-10, drawn to an ultraviolet apparatus for sterilizing liquids, classified in class 210, subclasses 748-749 and 764.
 - II. Claim 1, drawn to an ultraviolet method for sterilizing air, classified in class 422, subclass 24 and class 96, subclasses 16 and 224.
2. Inventions 2-10 and 1 are related as process and apparatus for its practice. The inventions are distinct if it can be shown that either: (1) the process as claimed can be practiced by another and materially different apparatus or by hand, or (2) the apparatus as claimed can be used to practice another and materially different process. (MPEP § 806.05(e)). In this case the apparatus as claimed can be used to perform process other than air sterilization as required by the method claim; for example for sterilizing drinking water.
3. Because these inventions are independent or distinct for the reasons given above and there would be a serious burden on the examiner if restriction is not required because the inventions require a different field of search (see MPEP 808.02), restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.
4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to MONZER R. CHORBAJI whose telephone number is (571) 272-1271. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 9:00-5:30.